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The Assignee respectfully requests reconsideration of the final rejection mailed December 11, 2008. As the following remarks explain, the proposed combination of *Fuller*, *Koster*, and *Jones* teaches away by requiring impermissible changes to a principle of operation. Because the patent laws prohibit such changes, the proposed combination of *Fuller*, *Koster*, and *Jones* cannot support a *prima facie* case for obviousness. The Office is thus required to remove the § 103 (a) rejection of the claims.